

I am writing to support K-LOVE (FM 94.3 in the Chicagoland area) as a valuable and necessary part of our community that should not be replaced by LPFM stations. Though it is a regional and national broadcaster, K-LOVE meets local needs through locally relevant event announcements, weather, etc. Further, the more generic content addresses the social, educational, spiritual and entertainment needs of my communities at church, my children's private school, and social groups. We share an interest in advertisement-free, positive and morally respectable programming. We learn from the many brief programs focussing on improving relationships, building and preserving families, raising kids, getting involved as good citizens, and the like. We love the top quality music. The radio personalities are great. K-LOVE also provides individual support in the form of prayer teams, suicide prevention hotlines, and information resources, most, if not all, of which are entirely free. We don't need more hate-spewing, vulgar DJs spinning the top 10 rape/murder/mayhem songs denigrating everything from women to people with handicaps. We have stations representing all types of oldies music, all types of current music, numerous ethnic and cultural minority groups, talk of all persuasions, etc., but only one viable Christian FM station. It is a not-for-profit service provider. It is not for sale to anyone for anything. It provides what its subscribers are more than willing to pay for and benefits many more who don't support it financially. K-LOVE is like an oasis of calm and safety on the FM dial. The music has broad appeal and the messages can't be criticized. Without this voice in the wilderness, I personally would be more prone to road rage, I would lose a means of bonding within my various social groups, I would lose the encouraging words that keep me behaving myself, I would lose a source of inspiration and education that allows me to move forward through difficult times. I feel the benefits of K-LOVE I feel so strongly must have a significant impact on my local community. I know of dozens of people who listen to our K-LOVE station frequently if not exclusively. How many others in our community must also be reaping the benefits of this broadcaster? Making the K-LOVE bandwidth available to small, local broadcasters would not replace these benefits. No local broadcaster has the resources to replace K-LOVE's plethora of expert speakers, to pay for the music itself, to sponsor activities, to network the information, etc. This is no huge monopolistic organization throwing its weight around in order to garner huge profits. It is a shoestring operation striving to serve people's needs and serve God. It does this best as a regional and national broadcaster. I ask you to not only preserve its ability to broadcast locally, but to increase its coverage so it can reach more communities with its valuable services.